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USIA aide faces 2nd degree rap

A U.S. information agency employee who allegedly shot his wife six times with a .38 calibre revolver shortly after he left work early Monday morning has been released on \$2,500 bond by the U.S. Commissioner.

Melvin A. Tibbs, 39, of 48 Kennedy St., NE, was

charged with second degree homicide and arraigned Monday. The case was continued until next Tuesday.

His wife, Martressa, 32, of the same address, was employed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). She was found by police in her bedroom—where she was shot—and pronounced dead on arrival at D.C. General Hospital.

THE SHOOTING grew out of a family argument between the couple, police said. They added that a girl hired to baby-sit called police and that Tibbs was on the scene with the weapon when they arrived.

Police said Tibbs had been home from work some time before his wife arrived.

Fellow employees at the agency, where Tibbs worked as a Congressional Liaison Assistant, agreed that he had been "quiet" and a "model" employee.

He was also described as one of the few male secretaries in the agency.

The Tibbses lived in an attractive 2-story, colonial style brick house in the Chillum area and had 3 children, Melvin Jr., 12, and two daughters, 10 and 8.

THIS WEEK, all efforts to get any background information on the principals were rebuffed.

Funeral services for Mrs. Tibbs will be held today (Saturday) at the Third St. Church of God, 1204 Third St., NW at 12 noon. Burial will be in Lincoln Cemetery.

She is survived by her mother Mrs. Martha B. Beverly, three brothers: Clarence, Daniel and Marshall Beverly.

Tibbs, a 1947 Cardozo High School graduate, has been employed by the USIA since 1955. Before that, while with another government agency, he studied parttime at the Department of Agricultural Graduate School.

He has been in his present position for four years.